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of the CDU West Berlin head in the
the Vorstand censured both Mayor
for having accepted the invitation
erg Kreis. Party discipline was
riedenburg and Lemmer deciding
in Godesberg.

burg advanced a proposal for acceptance of the last Sector Magistrat and coming up with a Sector Magistrat for Berlin. He was setting up a central Magistrat. Friedensburg told the Germans place the Allies before the Allies would approve it. This proposal was not the consensus of opinion. Friedensburg is incorrigible on

DU "West Berlin has experienced a situation which threatens to close out the office. This has brought the party paper Der Tag to the fore. The situation was somewhat alleviated by the recent elections, which has brought many new members, who for their late joining have received membership dues, thereby more or less restoring the position of the party offices.

considered critical by the CDU leadership. If the offices would deprive the CDU of maintenance of even a semblance of a Zone. There are still small groups in the Russian Zone, who come regularly to the West for development and to the members of the CDU West.

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5. One such group is reportedly concentrated around the CDU in Herrnhut, Saxony (formerly Silesia) a city with a strongly religious Protestant population. The group keeps in contact with other groups in Saxony and is in touch with Prof. Hickmann, chairman of the CDU Saxony.
6. On 16 and 17 August this group sent five of its most active members to Berlin to consult with the CDU to ascertain the usefulness of keeping up any semblance of political activity, even as slight as this. They pointed out that they had formed a group whose purpose it was to withstand Russian pressure, by refusing to succumb to intimidation. In the last few months, morale had dropped to an alltime low, people no longer being willing to stay, resulting in July in the flight of 50 people from Herrnhut (estimated population 2,200) and 200 people from Loebau (estimated population 40,000) to the West. The refugees came mainly from the intellectual segment of the population.
7. Muschke, in discussing possible elections in the Russian Zone, has reportedly refused to yield on his stand for separate lists of delegates. Muscher, CDU Saxony-Anhalt, was recently called to his Russian Control Officer and told that there would be no elections for the time being.

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